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## Golf Course Facility Water Withdrawal Survey

September 2003

This survey is requested under the Massachusetts Water Management Act, MGL c. 21G, ("WMA"). The WMA provides the mechanism for DEP to allocate water volumes, require conservation measures and otherwise regulate water use in Massachusetts. Eighteen (18) and nine (9) hole golf courses that withdraw water from wells, ponds or water courses for irrigation purposes may exceed the one hundred thousand gallon per day (100,000 gpd) threshold volume that is outlined in the WMA. Exceeding this volume subjects your golf course to the permitting requirements of the WMA.

All golf course facilities should complete this survey, even if you believe your water use is not subject to the WMA regulations. The information you supply in this survey may be sufficient to demonstrate that a permit is not required pursuant to the WMA. Withdrawals for either drinking water or irrigation are subject to WMA requirements, unless the facility can demonstrate that withdrawals are under threshold volumes, or that water is purchased from other regulated sources, such as a private water company, public water supply or municipal system. Golf facilities that purchase water should attach copies of water bills from 2002 for the months of June, July and August to this form.

The most effective method for demonstrating withdrawal volumes are below the permitting threshold is to maintain metered records of actual withdrawal volumes. You are encouraged to install a water meter on each water withdrawal point(s). Department staff are available to assist you in determining where a water meter(s) could be installed to accurately determine water use.

Complete this form by **October 31, 2003** and return to:

Department of Environmental Protection  
One Winter Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02108  
Attention: Patrick Rogers, Water Management Program

Water Management staff can be reached at (617) 292-5658 to answer your questions and provide guidance on completing the attached survey.